



The Flag and Whistle

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**SSBRA is looking for someone to take over the generation of the Flag & Whistle.
If you are interested please contact any Board member.**

Note: The **required New Member SSBRA training class is scheduled for Saturday morning 9/6/14**. If you have not already met this requirement, please contact Kirk Johnson, SSBRA Director of Mentoring and Assessment.

“Come one, Come all” The Fall 2014-2015 season starts Sept. 6, 2014 with opening matches for CSL, DSL, J-LIGA resulting in 150 matches over the weekend (100 on Sat and 50 on Sun). SBPSL will start a few weeks later so there will be lots of Soccer for all. **CSL increased its Referee Fees for the new season**. The SSBRA 2014-2015 Referee Fees table is shown below. SCDSL fees have not changed.

New for the 2014-2015 Season: Please remember to make sure all your Cal South /USSF certifications requirements are met (USSF Cert, RM approval, Photo) and bring both your USSF badge and your new Cal South Photo ID badge with you. The **Coaches of the teams in your match can ask to see your Cal South Photo ID badge before the match when you are checking in the teams. This is the only time you are required to show the Cal South badge to a Coach.** If there is an issue, question, etc. **after the Match you do not show your Cal South Photo ID badge.** Just **give the Coach the last four digits of your USSF ID and end the decision.** Note: If Cal South has not sent you your Cal South Badge, show the Coach your USSF Badge in place of your Cal South badge if requested before the match.



At the Aug meeting, the new board opened the meeting by thanking Warren Howell for all his hard work and effort he provided to SSBRA as the previous President. The Aug meeting was filled with lots of interesting information including a very good training session provided by Cal South instructor, Wayne Merrick, which included a short Quiz on the Laws of the Game followed by several interesting videos of real life match situations. The members in attendance discussed each situation with multiple interpretations of how the play should or should not have been managed. After the Cal South training, the Board conducted the rest of the monthly general meeting. The Minutes for the Aug monthly General meeting are shown below.

SSBRA General Membership Meeting minutes

August 26, 2014 7:30 PM

North Torrance HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Anderson, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil, Kirk Jackson, and Bill Cook. (Steve Brandon on Travel)

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: By thanking outgoing President Warren Howell for his years of service to SSBRA.

New Member Introduction: New member Mark Dauber introduces himself. Also, new applicants John Fitzgerald and Maria-Grazia Ascezni introduced themselves. Note: At the end of the meeting Helen Liang (Youth) also introduced herself to the board as a new member.

Roster Explanation: MH explained the new roster sections that show individual member status (Full/Probationary/Honorary, USSF/non-USSF, etc.) as sign in sheets were being passed around.

Cal South Training: MH then turned over meeting to Cal South instructor Wayne Merrick for his presentation on Law 4 – Player Equipment. At the end of the training session, Mr. Merrick showed multiple clips from 2014 World Cup to illustrate some of the dos and don'ts of refereeing.

Monthly Meeting Site: MH confirmed that SSBRA has arranged with North High to be the site of our General Membership meetings thru the end of June 2015.

Cal South/USSF Requirements: MH explained that per Cal South, no member may be assigned to any affiliated USSF matches until their names appear on the Cal South registered officials list on their website, confirming completion of USSF certification, Risk Management (RM) approval, and photo upload in Cal south database. MH further noted that just being Live Scanned does not complete the RM process. Cal South must wait for DOJ approval BEFORE listing refs as RM approved. It is the responsibility of the individual members to follow up with Cal South on this matter.



Upcoming season: MH listed the various leagues that we will be covering this season (starting on Sept. 6) as CSL, SCDSL, J-League, and MB P&R 7v7. He also noted that SBPSL will be starting a few weeks later. Regarding MB 7v7, he informed us that the city wishes for games to be played, not forfeited, whenever possible. If one or both teams do not have the required number of players at starting time, we are to ask both captains if they still want to play the game. If both agree, referees will start game and note on the scorecard that both managers agreed to play short and games results will stand. If either or both do not agree, we shall list the game as a forfeit, showing a 2-0 score. In case of forfeits, SSBRA members are not authorized to ref any pick-up game that may result from the forfeit. To do so would be in violation of SSBRA policy and the referee would not be covered by our insurance in this case. Also, MH once gain stressed that we need to be diligent in rereading and knowing the rules for the various competitions before going to the fields.

RPD: Board is working on bringing RPD to North High to make it easy to attend (as opposed to Citrus College) for the benefit our members. Details will follow.

Annual Dues: MH reminded everyone that, per our bylaws, payment is due by July 1 and that members will be considered delinquent and dropped from the active roster after the sixty day grace period ending Aug. 31, 2014.

New Board: MH introduced the other members of the board of directors: **Bruce Anderson** (New, VP), Veto Galati (Secretary), Chris Nevil (Member at large), and **Kirk Jackson** (New, Director of Mentoring & Assessment). Steve Brandon (Treasurer) was not present due to business trip.

Cal South Certification Requirements for Referee Associations: MH also informed the General membership that the Board is looking into all the Cal South certification requirements for Referee Associations to ensure SSBRA continues to retain its Association's certification. The Board has already taken action on the requirement to have certified Assignors by sending Chris Nevil, Kirk Jackson, and Veto Galati to the June Cal South new Assignor training course. The Board is now looking into the Assessor and Instructor requirements.

BOARD MEMBERS SPEAK:

Bruce Anderson: As head of the Ranking Committee, Bruce explained the ranking process. He also asked members who have yet to do so, to please respond to the ranking survey ASAP.

Bill Cook: Bill informed members of great feedback from both the Galaxy and WCC tournaments. He shared some of his experiences as Field Coordinator at Westminster for the WCC Tournament; fortunately the errors he witnessed were on fields covered by refs from other associations. He said that upcoming United Cup fields were covered except for one three-game set on Saturday. He will attend CSL pre-season meeting along with Michael Hinz and Larry Stern. Bill also addressed the issue of turnbacks. Please do not show availability and then turn back games after you have been assigned. After you reply to availability messages, you must inform Bill by email immediately of any changes once he has pulled availability off line. Also, Bill explained to new members that CSL uses a different assigning system and that we must log in to BOTH the SSBRA and CSL systems regularly to check our assignments. However, availability should only be given thru the SSBRA system.



Chris Nevil: Asked that all incident reports be sent directly to him (not to leagues) for review. He will pass them on to appropriate parties once they are checked by him. He informed new members that he had SSBRA coins and patches for anyone who has yet to receive either. On a non-SSBRA matter, he also mentioned that both boys and girls lacrosse are looking for new referees.

Since we were on the Non-SSBRA topic... MH asked Larry Stern to talk about High School Soccer, LS the local Area G High School Association was getting ready for the new season said if anyone wanted to work HS they should call Him.

Kirk Jackson: Announced that the mandatory new member training will be held at North High on Saturday Sept. 6 at 9 AM. He also addressed several AR issues that he (with input from Chris Nevil) observed at recent tournaments that we should work to improve.

1. Improper sub signals (don't hold the flag with your hand, hold the two ends of the flag pole)
2. Moving while giving signals (failure to stop and face field)
3. Either side step or sprint (nothing in between)
4. Do not use flag to show throw in position (If you must, use your hand)
5. Failure to run to proper spot before giving signal. (where ball crosses the touch line)
6. Signaling fouls with wrong hand (flag should be in the hand in the direction of the kick). If flag is raised straight up, then bring down before switching hands. Do not switch while flag over your head.
7. Always hold flag on field side (facing the referee)
8. Keep flag down at side while running (do not pump the flag while running)
9. Flag angles (practice flag signals at home and observe yourself in mirror look for 45 degrees)
10. Ask coaches to notify you in advance for the next sub and have subs at halfway line (ready to enter) to help facilitate smooth communication with CR during substitution process.

Veto Galati: Nothing to add.

Turn backs: MH took the floor and once again stressed the importance of accurate availability to limit turn backs. He informed members that the Board is looking into if a policy to discourage unnecessary turn backs is required and what the appropriate discipline would curtail.

No raffle and apologies to Manny for not making time for him to talk about his Referee supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 30, 2014 at 7:30 PM – North High Library.



SSBRA Board Meeting minutes (as edited for F&W)

August 14, 2014 7:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Michael Hinz, Steve Brandon, Bill Cook, Bruce Anderson, Kirk Jackson, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil

SSBRA Business:

Michael Hinz opened meeting at 7:50 by discussing the following points:

1. **Approval of July minutes.**
2. **North High availability:** MH met with North High and submitted application for use of school for our General Membership meetings. Application confirmed starting August 26, 2014 meeting thru June 2015.
3. **Cal South Training:** Cal south training will resume in August. MH will confirm with Cal South. Chris Nevil suggested that we schedule Cal South training at the beginning of the meeting and leave our SSBRA business until after training. This matter approved by board to start at the August meeting.
4. **New member training:** MH pointed out that 20 newer members have yet to complete this mandatory training. Kirk will work with Larry Stern to try and set up before Labor Day.
5. **South Bay Galaxy Tournament feedback:** BC reported that we received positive feedback from tournament director and also that they will ask for three man crews on ALL games next year, including lower age groups. Regarding issue of improperly anchored goals, Bruce Anderson suggested that next year we ask tournament in advance to be sure that field marshals have proper anchors on hand.
6. **Membership roster:** MH displayed updated membership roster, separating into several categories to identify full members that are good to go on all matches, probationary members, honorary members and those who are discrepant in one of several categories --non-USSF, not RM approved, no photo in Cal South data base—so that we can update our roster and identify those who cannot be assigned to any affiliated matches until the aforementioned discrepancies are corrected. Per SSBRA Bylaws, Michael asked that roster maintenance taken over by the secretary once SSBRA membership issues are settled on September 1.
7. **Honorary member status:** Per our bylaws, honorary members do not pay dues but they are ineligible. CN suggested that we create an Emeritus status to replace our current Honorary status, thus enabling these members to work games while still having their dues waived in honor of their service to SSBRA and the game. However this would require a change in the Bylaws to create the Emeritus status. Meanwhile, MH will check with two honorary members see if they wish to continue working games. If so they will be full members (pending bylaws change for Emeritus status).
8. **Assessment & Mentoring Process:** KJ will contact all new members upon acceptance of their applications to welcome them to SSBRA. KJ also working with Larry Stern to set up new member training ASAP (before Labor Day).
9. **Conversion of website from HTML to Word Press:** Rick Roberts has volunteered to convert our website to Word Press format. To compensate him, MH made a motion (seconded by VG) to pay Rick \$75.00 for his services and Motion was accepted by unanimous vote.
10. **Rankings:** Ranking committee will consist of Bruce Anderson, Kirk Jackson and Chris Nevil form the board with Kiku Anon, Bob Slater, and Jay Foster representing the general membership. Committee will start meeting next week. Self-assessment survey sent to all members on August 14. Ranking committee will use info from responses to aid them in their process. Once rankings are completed BA will describe criteria for each group. If asked by individual members, BA will inform them of into which group they fall, and why, and will make suggestions on how they can work to improve their ranking. To assist the committee, KJ will get involved in assessments of members that the ranking committee does not know.



NEW APPLICATIONS: No new applications to approve at this meeting

RPD Hosting by SSBRA: Application to use North HS is ready to go but we must give them firm dates. CN will contact Dan Goldman and Arturo on this matter.

New Torrance Fields: BC using his contacts with city officials to try to obtain matches played on these fields.

MB 7v7 Forfeits: MH said that Archie wants us to try and play the games even if teams do not have the required number of players to start a game. In this case, ref should ask both teams if they still wish to play the game. If both teams answered in the affirmative, game will be played and results will stand. If one or both teams answer in the negative, game cannot be played. They can play unofficial game if they want but SSBRA referees MAY NOT referee these unofficial games due to liability issues. MH will address this at the General Meeting on 8/26

Friendly Fees: We will finish the current season (thru Sept. 1) at the currently quoted rates but after that, per board mandate, all friendlies must be quoted at current CSL/SCDSL rates unless prior board approval is obtained. BC expressed the opinion that we will lose up to 70% of these games in the future if we do not discount. Since rates will probably not be an issue until at least the end of this year, MH wants further board discussion **before** we determine what to do.

Assigning: The Board talked about the SSBRA assigning process and the Board's involvement. The Board discussed ways for the board members to work with the assignor to help resolve issues or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM

Next Board Meeting (August): Date, time and place TBD.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182ND ST. (SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILED MAPS).



2014-2015 Season SSBRA REFEREE GAME FEES (Updated 8/29/2014)

League/Division	# of Referees	Fee/Team	Total Fee	REF Fee	AR Fee
Coast Soccer League (CSL)					
<i>Note: CSL Match Fees Increased For 2014</i>					
CSL U17 - U19 (45 min)	3	\$70	\$140	\$56	\$42
	2 (+1 club line)	\$56	\$112	\$67	\$45
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$42	\$84	\$84	-
CSL U15 - U16 (80 min)	3	\$62	\$124	\$50	\$37
	2 (+1 club line)	\$50	\$100	\$60	\$40
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$38	\$76	\$76	-
CSL U13 - U14 (35 min)	3	\$54	\$108	\$43	\$32
	2 (+1 club line)	\$43	\$86	\$52	\$34
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$33	\$66	\$66	-
CSL U11 - U12 (30 min)	3	\$47	\$94	\$38	\$28
	2 (+1 club line)	\$38	\$76	\$46	\$30
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$29	\$58	\$58	-
CSL U9 - U10 (25 min)	3	\$39	\$78	\$31	\$23
	2 (+1 club line)	\$31	\$62	\$37	\$25
	1 (+ 2 club line)	\$24	\$48	\$48	-
Southern California Development Soccer League (SCDSL)					
SCDSL U17 - U19 (45 min)	3	\$68	\$136	\$54	\$41
	2 (+1 club line)	\$54	\$108	\$65	\$43
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$41	\$82	\$82	-
SCDSL U15 - U16 (40 min)	3	\$60	\$120	\$48	\$36
	2 (+1 club line)	\$48	\$96	\$58	\$38
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$36	\$72	\$72	-
SCDSL U13 - U14 (35 min)	3	\$53	\$106	\$42	\$32
	2 (+1 club line)	\$42	\$84	\$50	\$34
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$32	\$64	\$64	-
SCDSL U11 - U12 (30 min)	3	\$45	\$90	\$36	\$27
	2 (+1 club line)	\$36	\$72	\$43	\$29
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$27	\$54	\$54	-
SCDSL U9 - U10 (25 min)	3	\$38	\$76	\$30	\$23
	2 (+1 club line)	\$30	\$60	\$36	\$24
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$23	\$46	\$46	-
Premier - Coast Soccer League (CSL)					
<i>Note: CSL Match Fees Increased For 2014</i>					
CSL U17-U19 Premier (45 min)	3	\$77	\$154	\$62	\$46
	2 (+1 club line)	\$62	\$124	\$74	\$50
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$47	\$94	\$94	-
CSL U15-U16 Premier (40 min)	3	\$68	\$136	\$54	\$41
	2 (+1 club line)	\$55	\$110	\$66	\$44
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$41	\$82	\$82	-
CSL U13-14 Premier (35 min)	3	\$60	\$120	\$48	\$36
	2 (+1 club line)	\$48	\$96	\$58	\$38
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$36	\$72	\$72	-
Premier - Southern California Development Soccer League (SCDSL)					
SCDSL U17-U19 Premier (45 min)	3	\$74	\$148	\$59	\$44
	2 (+1 club line)	\$59	\$118	\$71	\$47
	1 (+ 2 club line)	\$45	\$90	\$90	-
SCDSL U15-U16 Premier (40 min)	3	\$66	\$132	\$53	\$40
	2 (+1 club line)	\$53	\$106	\$64	\$42
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$41	\$82	\$82	-
SCDSL U13-14 Premier (35 min)	3	\$58	\$116	\$46	\$35
	2 (+1 club line)	\$46	\$92	\$55	\$37
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$35	\$70	\$70	-
Lawndale Youth League					
Lawndale 5-7 year olds (24 min)	1 (No club lines)	SSBRA pays	\$28	\$28	-
Lawndale 8-10 year olds (24 min)	1 (No club lines)	SSBRA pays	\$38	\$38	-
Lawndale 11-13 year olds (30 min)	2 (no club lines)	SSBRA pays	\$62	\$31	\$31
Lawndale 14-17 year olds (30 min)	2 (no club lines)	SSBRA pays	\$70	\$35	\$35
Adult Leagues					
Beverly Hills 7 v 7 (25 min)	1	League pays	\$30	\$30	-
Manhattan Beach 7 v 7 (25 min)	1	SSBRA pays	\$30	\$30	-
J-League (40 min)	3	\$68	\$136	\$54	\$41
	2	\$55	\$110	\$66	\$44
	1 (+2 club lines)	\$41	\$82	\$82	-
SB Peninsula Soccer League (45 min)	3	70	\$140	\$56	42
	2 (+1 club line)	57	\$114	\$68	46
	1 (+2 club lines)	44	\$88	\$88	-

Referee Fees are based on the length of the matches so the same fees apply to both "Regular Season" and "Friendly" matches.
(Note: For Youth matches, SSBRA charges just over \$1.5 per minute for standard matches and around \$1.70 per minute for Premier matches.)

Please contact the SSBRA President Michael Hinz at SSBRAPresident@aol.com or 310-372-5758 for questions or special game fee requests